

# The Salt Lake Herald's Annual Sporting Review

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## UTAH GOLFERS WIN VICTORY

"Ancient and Royal Game" Enjoys Increasing Popularity Throughout the World.

### TOURNAMENT WITH BUTTE

COUNTRY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES ARE PLAYED.

The "Ancient and Royal Game," golf, has increased in popularity. It is no longer a fad, it is a necessity. Unfortunately it is so expensive that comparatively few can indulge in it. Thousands of dollars must be spent each year on links, to keep them in condition for playing. The Country Club is the only place where it has been played to any extent in Salt Lake the past season. There, more people have played it than ever before, and the quality of play has been better, as shown by the scores. It is difficult for the casual onlooker to see what there is about the game that is so fascinating, that for over two hundred years it has had its devotees from every rank in life, men and women usually fond of their ease, traversing the links in the hottest days of summer and the coldest days of winter, and so interested in the game that they forget all their other troubles. "Once a golfer, always a golfer," seems to be the case. A golfer explains the fascination by saying that the game calls for a combination of strength, skill, steady nerves and accuracy of eye.

Whatever it is the fact remains that the game has increased rapidly in popularity in this country. There are double the number of clubs in this country than there were last year. Denver has four golf clubs, all of them crowded. Many of the large eastern cities, following the English and Scotch custom, have established public links, where people may play without expense. These are crowded to the limit on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. The expense of maintaining such links in the arid region would be much greater than in the east, and it is likely to be some time before it is done.

### Tournament With Butte.

The event which aroused the greatest general interest the past season was the annual tournament with the Butte Country Club team. Each team had a victory to its credit. Butte having been victorious in 1904, and the local team having been defeated on the Butte links in 1904. The Butte team had been greatly strengthened, both by the improvement in play of the former members, and by the acquisition of new players; one of these, Richards, having won the intercollegiate championship in the east the year before. The Butte team was confident of winning, and the local team was somewhat crippled by the fact that A. W. Copp had been absent a year, and F. E. McGurkin was ill. However, the local team outplayed the Buttes at every point, and won every match. The victory was even more decisive than on the former occasion. The result of the tournament was that the Leyson cup became the property of the Salt Lake Country Club.

There were many interesting handicapped events played between club members, the principal one being for the Packard cup, which was won by J. Walcott Thompson. The chief event, however, was the open championship, which was played on the Butte links. The victory was won by J. Walcott Thompson, who had broken all previous records for thirty-six holes. McGurkin's name goes on the championship cup, along with that of Copp and Thompson. The cup must be won three times by the same player before it becomes his property.

### Miss Fitch's Victory.

The ladies' championship was won by Miss Maud Fitch, who surprised herself and everybody else by making the scores of her life, and defeating players who ordinarily gave her large handicaps. She won a handsome sterling silver loving cup offered by the Leyson company.

All of the club members are looking forward to next year, when the new grounds will be ready. Instead of steep hills, rocks and sand, there will be sixty acres of beautiful lawn, gently undulating, where the game can be played in an ideal way. Instead of a little cottage, there will be a handsome and commodious club house, costing upwards of \$10,000. This will give the Country Club a permanent home, second to none in the country. Team matches are being arranged with Denver, Colorado Springs, Spokane and Butte, and the indications are that there will be more and better golfing than ever before.

## BOWLING FORGES AHEAD AMONG SALT LAKE SPORTS

Bowling has forged to the front in the past two years, until now it is recognized as one of the leading sports of the city. While the game has become popular all over the United States, Salt Lake has probably come to the front faster in this line of amusement than any other city of its size in America. This attracted attention to the Salt Lake bowlers from all over the west and when it came time to select a city for the western bowling congress, Salt Lake at once took a lead in the race. The vote is being made at the present time and it has been practically assured from returns at hand that this city will be favored with this big annual bowling event of the year.

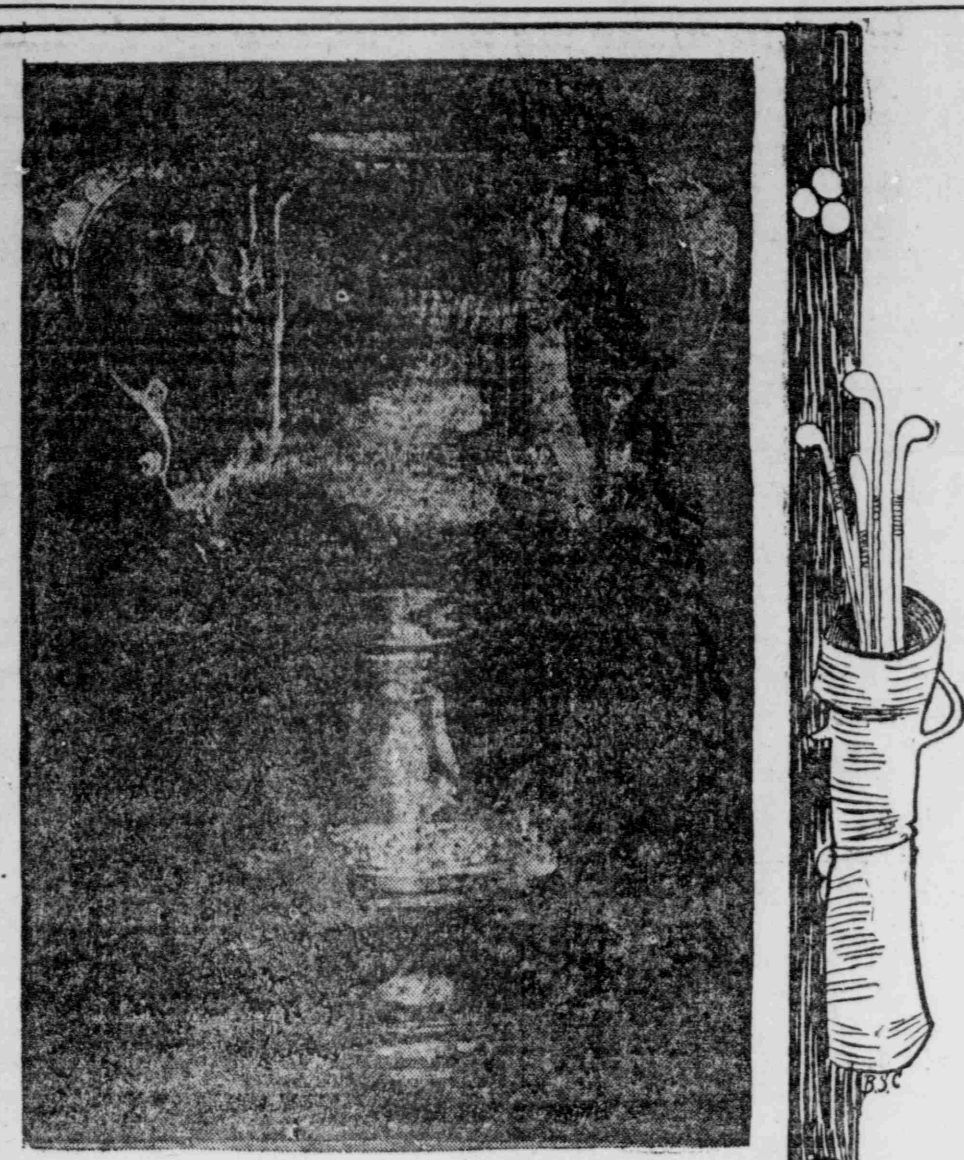
While bowling has prospered to such an extent in Salt Lake the other towns in the state have not been idle. Ogden, Murray and Bingham each have a bowling league organized and nearly every night game is bowled for the city championship. In this city, two leagues—the City league and the Commercial league—draw crowds of enthusiastic bowlers every night to see the fight for championship in each league.



FRANK E. McGURKIN, 1905 GOLF CHAMPION COUNTRY CLUB.



JAMES SALISBURY, UTAH TENNIS CHAMPION, SINGLES.



NEWHOUSE CUP, FORMER'S SINGLES, INTERMOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION.

## LAWN TENNIS MORE POPULAR

Championship Contests During Year Attract Much Attention From Devotees of Sport.

### NEW ASSOCIATION FORMED

TOURNAMENT HELD TO DECIDE STATE CHAMPIONS.

By D. MacPherson Boyd.

In comparing the accomplishments on the lawn tennis courts during 1905 with those of previous years, no doubt can be entertained of the progress made in the past season; the generalship of the game, the dexterity for position to force your opponent and the strokes and versatility of style which is open for development, are understood here as never before by the general player. The morale of the game has been maintained in keeping with the national tennis law that neither money considerations nor professional shall sully its hitherto pure record. In giving a resume for 1905, there falls first to be mentioned, the formation of the Intermountain Lawn Tennis Association. This gave ample reason for its existence by advertising its tournaments; it brought players of eminence from the surrounding states and supplied a healthy impulse to the game. The tournament pulled off by the association, and managed by President Captain Frank D. Ely, Secretary Arthur Ash and Referee Oscar L. Cox of the Y. M. C. A., did credit to the officials and to their mountain homes while the facilities placed at the disposal of the association by the officers at Fort Douglas made the event one long to be remembered gratefully by the participants and their friends.

### The Victors of the Year.

The records of that tournament show Reuben Hunt of California as the intermountain champion in singles, playing Tommy Ryan in the finals, and the Salisbury brothers as champions in the doubles, playing the Roberts brothers in the finals. Miss Kate Williams won the championship in ladies' singles, and Miss Wilson and Miss Humphrey the championship in ladies' doubles.

The affairs of the association, which include prize money and the cups for men and women's singles, both to be played for until won three times, are in the able hands of Captain Ely, vice president, and T. G. Griffin, secretary of the association, which is sufficient guarantee that the tournaments of 1906 will be well conducted. The state tournament, limited to Utah men, was next held and was won by Frank Roberts, playing his brother, Carl Roberts, in the finals. The subsequent challenge match between Frank Roberts and James Salisbury, the 1904 state champion, resulted in Salisbury successfully defending his title and in the final possession of the Schramm cup. The Miller club tournament was won by A. S. Brown, and Rodney Badger took next place, which gave Brown the club's cup for 1905.

### The Women Who Won.

At the Country Club, the ladies' tournament was won by Mrs. T. G. Griffin, Miss Margaret Miller taking second place. Miss Kate Williams, the 1904 ladies' champion of the club, successfully defended her title against Mrs. Griffin, the runner-up, and secured final possession of the Newhouse cup. The Port Douglas tournament was won by D. M. Boyd, the second place being taken by David Taylor. Frank Roberts, the club's champion for 1904, successfully defended his title in the challenge match with the runner-up, and secured final possession of the club's cup.

The outlook for 1906 is good for more and better play, last year's work having enticed so many new players to the courts. It is expected that the various clubs will get to work early in the year and, perhaps by late June, will each have played their own court tournament.

## GREAT EVENTS IN FISTIC WORLD

New Names Appear in the List of Champions in All the Classes.

### HARD TIMES FOR BOXERS

FEW TOWNS IN COUNTRY PERMIT THE GAME.

The retirement of James J. Jeffries, champion of all champions, the final downfall of Bob Fitzsimmons as a pugilistic possibility, and the defeat of James Edward Britt at the hands of Battling Nelson, are without question the important events of the past year in the "fistic world." The knights of the padded mitt have had a fairly prosperous year. Although many of the larger cities in the country still remain closed to boxers, yet those who were able to deliver the goods have had plenty of opportunities to cover themselves with glory and at the same time rake in the coin, which, after all, is the chief reason the fighters are so persistent in following their profession. San Francisco has been the Mecca for the boxers and although a strong fight was made in the last legislature to prohibit the game on the coast, the bill for this purpose was defeated by friends of the boxing game. Philadelphia, with its six-round bout, Baltimore, Milwaukee, Hartford, together with a few smaller eastern cities, and an occasional six-round bout in Chicago and fifteen-round go in St. Louis, have marked the limit of the game in the east this year, while practically all of the western cities have been open at some time or other to the fighters.

On May 2 James J. Jeffries announced to the world that he had retired from the game for good and all time. His reason was that there was not another man in the world capable of giving him a battle. Every fighter who had any sort of claim on the title had been given a chance and defeated with such ease by the huge brawler, that it left no doubt in the minds of the public as to Jeffries being in a class by himself. Every fighter who had any sort of claim on the title had been given a chance and defeated with such ease by the huge brawler, that it left no doubt in the minds of the public as to Jeffries being in a class by himself. Every fighter who had any sort of claim on the title had been given a chance and defeated with such ease by the huge brawler, that it left no doubt in the minds of the public as to Jeffries being in a class by himself.

Robert Fitzsimmons, the greatest fighter of all ages, succumbed to Father Time during the past year, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, who, with Tommy Ryan, is classed by many as one of the greatest fighters in the history of the prize ring, was the lucky man who took the final measure of Old Fitz. That the old warrior went down for the last time was not due so much to the ability of O'Brien as the inability of Fitzsimmons to fight any more. The punches of the Philadelphia deities were held by Fitzsimmons, O'Brien also has as much right, if not more right, than any other fighter to claim the heavyweight championship, as up to the time of his defeat, Fitzsimmons clearly had a better claim than any other man on the title laid aside by Jeffries.

By gaining this victory O'Brien is easily entitled to the light heavyweight championship of the world as both of these titles were held by Fitzsimmons. O'Brien also has as much right, if not more right, than any other fighter to claim the heavyweight championship, as up to the time of his defeat, Fitzsimmons clearly had a better claim than any other man on the title laid aside by Jeffries. Marvin Hart, on account of his victory over Jack Root, is a rival claimant for the heavyweight title, and before it is finally bestowed upon any one, this pair will probably have to meet and settle it among themselves. With Joe Walcott out of the fighting game on account of an injured hand, the welterweight championship, rightly belongs to Mike Twin Sullivan who won it by defeating Jimmy Gardner at San Francisco. Gardner had met and defeated nearly every legitimate claimant in the title in the past two years, and Sullivan demonstrated his superiority over Gardner in this fight. Another fighter who disputes this claim, and who has some cause to do so, is Honey Melody. He is now in San Francisco trying to get a match on with Sullivan, the winner of which would hold the title without dispute.

### Question Is Still Open.

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## SPORTING HAPPENINGS OF YEAR AT HOME AND ABROAD

### BASEBALL.

Jan. 5—W. H. Lucas and John J. McCloskey enter Butte to organize new baseball league.

Jan. 9—W. H. Lucas declared Pacific National league disrupted, and organized new Northwestern league.

Jan. 12—"Tip" O'Neil elected president of Western league.

Jan. 14—W. H. Lucas gets protection for his new league in P. N. L. territory.

Jan. 15—Ogden baseball fans hold meeting and ask for franchise in Pacific National league.

Jan. 21—W. H. Lucas removed as president of P. N. league at meeting in Butte.

Jan. 22—W. D. Riven elected president of P. N. league at Butte meeting.

Feb. 11—First meeting of reorganized P. N. league at Butte. Clyde Williams sent east to ask for protection.

Feb. 17—American league turns down proposition to increase draft price for minor league players.

Feb. 26—Western league adopts schedule at Chicago meeting.

March 1—National board decides against P. N. league in appeal for protection.

March 10—Spokane judge forbids W. H. Lucas to talk baseball in that city.

March 26—P. N. league forms circuit for 1905, consisting of Salt Lake, Spokane, Boise and Ogden, at meeting in this city.

April 2—Chicago Nationals beat Salt Lake Elders in exhibition game at Walker's field by score of 5 to 4.

April 14—National league and American league playing season opens.

April 26—Pacific National league's playing season opens.

May 10—P. N. league baseball season opens in Salt Lake. Score: Ogden, 7; Salt Lake, 4.

May 21—Largest crowd of season seen at Salt Lake beat Spokane by 5 to 4 score in eleven-inning game at Walker's field.

June 15—Colorado Springs drops out of Western league.

June 16—Salt Lake defeats Ogden in a fifteen-inning game. Score, 10 to 9.

June 17—Yale wins baseball championship from Harvard.

June 18—Pacific National league blows up and quits business.

June 27—Yale wins baseball championship from Harvard.

July 7—Spokane secures Victoria franchise in Northwestern league.

July 13—Pueblo takes Colorado Springs franchise in Western league.

July 15—President Burt of Pacific Coast league attempts suicide.

Aug. 3—Cotton States league disbands on account of yellow fever in the south.

Aug. 34—Chicago Nationals defeat Philadelphia Nationals in twenty-inning contest at Philadelphia by 2 to 1 score.

Sept. 17—Eureka beats Park City in annual baseball game in this city by score of 3 to 2.

Sept. 23—Western league closes season, Des Moines winning pennant.

### PUGILISM.

Jan. 11—Tommy Markham knocks Silent Rowen out at Mt. Pleasant in fifth round.

Jan. 12—Jerry McCarthy and Jim Burrows fight twenty-round draw in Spokane, which is declared a fake.

Jan. 16—Mexican Pete turned loose on public after serving a year in the penitentiary for prize fighting in Oklahoma.

Jan. 20—Otto Sietoff lost decision to Dick Fitzpatrick in fifteen rounds at Kalamazoo. Aurelio Herrera and Maurice Thompson go six rounds to a draw in Milwaukee.

Jan. 21—Jack Clifford gets twenty-round decision over Louis Long at Marysville, Cal.

Jan. 21—Buddy Ryan knocks Jack Bennett out in two rounds at Philadelphia.

Jan. 22—White Smith wins on foul from Charlie Berry in fourth round at Denver.

Jan. 23—Frankie Nell given decision over Dick Hyland at San Francisco in fifteen rounds.

Feb. 2—Frank Gotch beats Tom Jenkins for world's wrestling championship at Cleveland, O.

Feb. 3—Abe Attell gets fifteen-round decision over Tommy Neltz at Baltimore.

Feb. 7—Silent Rowan gets decision over Tommy Markham on a foul in third round at Mt. Pleasant.

Feb. 17—Martin Duffy knocks Milt Kenney out in thirteen rounds at Hot Springs.

Feb. 18—Jack Cordell given twenty-round decision over Jack Clifford at Marysville, Cal.

Feb. 20—Harry Forbes wins twenty-round decision over Paddy Nee at Indianapolis.

Feb. 24—Abe Attell beats Eddie Hanlon in six rounds at Philadelphia.

Feb. 27—Eddie Robinson beats Jap in six-round match.

Feb. 28—Battling Nelson knocks Young Corbett out in ninth round at Woodward's pavilion.

March 7—Jack (Twin) Sullivan and Tommy Burns box twenty rounds to a draw at Tacoma.

March 10—Bert Danford knocks Billy Hamp out in one round in this city.

March 15—Tom Jenkins beats Frank Gotch, regaining world's wrestling championship.

March 17—Honey Melody knocks Jerry McCarthy out in fifteenth round at Butte.

March 22—Otto Sietoff knocked out by Willie Fitzgerald in sixth round at Kalamazoo.

March 24—Young Peter Jackson knocks Jack O'Brien out in first round at Baltimore. O'Brien given decision on a foul.

March 28—Marvin Hart wins twenty-round decision over Jack Johnson.

March 31—Young Corbett and Kid Sullivan box ten-round draw at Baltimore.

April 7—Jack O'Brien gets ten-round decision over Young Peter Jackson at Baltimore.

April 12—Kid Kibbler gets decision over Young Watson in Pocatello in fifth round.

April 17—Benny Yanger and Tommy Mowatt box a twenty-round draw at Kalamazoo, Mich.

April 17—Mike Schreck knocks George Gardner out in this city in twentieth round. Terry McGovern sent to private insane asylum.

April 18—Jerry McCarthy knocked out in eleventh round by Honey Melody at Spokane.

April 20—Rube Smith knocks Kid McParland out in fourth round at Denver.

May 2—James J. Jeffries announces his retirement from the ring.

May 5—Jimmy Britt knocked James White out in twentieth round at San Francisco.

May 10—Jimmy Britt and Battling Nelson sign to fight.

May 15—Owen Moran gets twenty-round decision over Monte Attell in secret boxing contest in New York City.

May 19—Benny Yanger breaks wrist in fight with Harry Lewis at Baltimore.

May 22—Abe Attell beats Battling Nelson in six rounds at Philadelphia.

June 2—Jimmy Gardner and Jack O'Keefe fight twenty-round draw at Salt Lake.

June 13—Bob Fitzsimmons calls off fight with Schreck and leaves for Paris.

June 15—Barney Mullin knocks Jerry McCarthy out in sixth round at Spokane.

June 16—Jack Rully knocks Tommy Wallace out in tenth round at Great Falls, Mont.

June 17—Otto Sietoff and Kid Williams fight a fifteen-round draw at Duluth.

June 17—George Peterson gets twenty-round decision over Jack Clancy at San Francisco.

June 19—George Gardner knocks Billy Sullivan out in fifth round at Ogden.

July 3—Mike Schreck knocks Dave Barry out in twentieth round at Salt Lake.

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